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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel
President's Commission on the
Assassination of President Kennedy

SUBJECT: Lee Harvey Oswald

1. The following remarks have been recently attributed to Soviet Consul Pavel Antonovich Yatskov in Mexico City regarding the subject.

"I met Oswald here. He stormed into my office and wanted me to introduce and recommend him to the Cubans. He told me that he had lived in the USSR. I told him that I would have to check before I could recommend him. He was nervous and his hands trembled, and he stormed out of my office. I don't believe that a person as nervous as Oswald, whose hands trembled could have accurately fired a rifle."

2. [redacted] has checked its records for the period Oswald was in Mexico City and has advised it is quite possible that Oswald thought he had talked with Valeriy Kostikov when he actually had spoken to Yatskov; or that he first spoke to Kostikov who turned him over to his superior Yatskov.

3. The source of the above information is a confidential contact [redacted] who is believed to be reliable. In view of this relationship, an appropriate sensitivity indicator has been affixed to this memorandum.

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4. A copy of this memorandum has been forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Richard Helms
Deputy Director for Plans

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